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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MURAKAMI ET AL.

Examiner

Michael Leslie

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 September 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/2001 & 12/2002.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it exceeds the limit of 150 words.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kato et al (6129532).

Kato et al discloses a compressor having an oil supply area (45a), a lubrication target area (47) to be lubricated, and a lubricating oil transport area (45b, 45e) for intermittently transporting lubricating oil to the lubrication target area by alternately communicating with the oil supply area and the lubrication target area. Wherein the lubricating oil transport area includes a groove defined on an external surface of a piston (35) that reciprocates inside a cylinder bore (34a), and alternately communicates with an outlet of the oil supply area and the lubrication target area due to reciprocating movement of the piston.

Claims 1, 4, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tamura et al.

Tamura et al discloses a compressor having an oil supply area (20), a lubrication target area (17) to be lubricated, and a lubricating oil transport area (26) for intermittently transporting lubricating oil to the lubrication target area by alternately communicating with the oil supply area and the lubrication target area. Wherein the lubricating oil transport area includes a groove (26) defined on an external surface of a rotating member (16a), and alternately communicates with an outlet (27) of the oil supply area and an inlet of a discharge hole (~20a) connected to the lubricating oil transport area due to rotational movement of the rotating member.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato et al (6129532) in view of Ikeda et al (5733107).

Kato et al discloses a compressor as described above with respect to claim 1, and further teaches that wherein the lubricating oil is a lubricating oil that has been separated from a the refrigerant by an oil separator (41), and is guided to the lubrication target area due to a pressure difference between a discharge side and a suction side of the compressor, and that the refrigerant

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is carbon dioxide. Kato et al does not teach that the lubricating oil is a lubricating oil that has been separated from a discharged refrigerant.

Ikeda et al teaches a reciprocating compressor having an oil separator (34) for separating lubricating oil from the discharged refrigerant.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Kato et al by having the lubricating oil separated from a discharged refrigerant as taught by Ikeda et al for the purpose of increasing the amount of lubricating oil removed from the refrigerant.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. Patents 388604, 4321019, 4462772, 5181834, 5636974, and 5823294 each disclose compressors having oil separators.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Leslie whose telephone number is (571) 272-4819. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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